

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to delete “an.” This was inadvertently not deleted when the claim was initially amended and “a” was added. Claim 26 has been amended to add a space between “Claim” and “1”. New Claims 28, 29, and 30 are added. New Claim 29 is an independent claim similar to Claim 1, but removes the requirement that the upper frame be removable from the lower frame and that the cover be removable from the upper frame. Further, the cover is recited as supported by the upper frame rather than fitting over the upper frame. It does not appear that the restrictions removed in Claim 29 are necessary to define patentability and applicants’ upper and lower frames could be built as a unit without the upper frame being removable from a cooperating lower frame.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 24 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Wood. The remaining claims have all been rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious from either Wood alone or from Wood in combination with various other references. Thus, Wood is the principal reference cited for rejection of all claims. Submitted herewith are Declarations of both inventors, Charles Brewer and William N. Whitlock, under 35 CFR 1.131 swearing behind the Wood reference. Based on these Declarations, Wood should be removed as a reference. With the removal of Wood as a prior art reference, all rejected claims should be allowable. Also, new Claims 28-30 should also be allowable.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 14, 15, 25, and 26 as unpatentable over Wood in view of Foster. However, applicants have not been able to find the Foster reference. No Patent No. was given for the Foster reference in the rejection and Applicants do not find Foster otherwise

cited as prior art by the Examiner. Applicants request further identification of the Foster reference.

Respectfully,

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